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Sage Advice to Too-youthful  
Pair Who Have Fallen in Love

DEAR MISS DIX—We are a boy and girl, nineteen and eighteen years old. Very much in love with each other. We have come to the conclusion that we are too young to marry and our plan is to stop seeing each other for a month. However, if at the end of this time we find that we are still in love, what would you advise us to do? Marry at once, try a long engagement or what? AL and KAY.

Answer—The only way a month's separation would do you any good would be for one or the other of you to go off somewhere where you would meet another attractive girl or boy, which would almost certainly turn your love thoughts into a new channel. Like a cure-like in incipient heart cases such as you are suffering from and the best remedy for it is a good looking stranger.

Wise are the parents who, instead of forbidding youthful love affairs, part the young lovers by sending them off to school or on a trip, for they almost invariably come back thoroughly cured.

You two youngsters seem so sensible I wonder if you can't be a bit more intelligent still and realize how foolish you will be if you either get married or enter into a long engagement. Try to rationalize the situation, as the psychologists say.

You do not need anyone to tell you that at your age your characters and your tastes are still unformed, because you have only to think back a year or so to realize how much you have changed and how the things and people around you were crazy about then. Here you are, now. That being true, you are bound to know that you will change even more radically in the next three or four years and that the things that appeal to you now will be just as tasteless to you as are the all-day suckers and the roller skates that you enjoyed so much when you were children.

You must also realize that if you get married now when you are eighteen and nineteen years old, you are not only cutting yourself out of all the playtime of life, but you are handicapping your future so that you can never accomplish the things that you are ambitious to do. If you are married you cannot run around to parties and dances and have the good times you are entitled to at your age. When other girls are out joyriding and two-stepping, Kay will have to be at home cooking dinner and nursing a crying baby. When other boys are playing games and going to college and thinking about studying some profession, Al will have to be toiling early and late at whatever poor job he can get, because he has a family on his back that he has to support.

And Al will be worried about bills and will know that he won't have any chance to rise in the world because he hasn't had the opportunity to prepare himself for doing better work and because he won't be able to save up any money to go into business for himself and because he won't dare even to ask for a raise for fear he may be turned off and not be able to provide bread for Kay and the children.

Then here is another thought: Don't you think that when a boy and girl in their teens get married they are handing their families an awfully rotten deal, because they are forcing their parents to support them? For fathers and mothers can't let their children starve, no matter how selfish and inconsiderate they are.

Your fathers and mothers have been very good and kind to you. They have made a thousand sacrifices to support you and educate you and give you as good a time as they could. Don't you think it is pretty poor pay to saddle them with another family to support. Don't you think that they might be permitted to use whatever little money they have saved up to make their old age happy and comfortable instead of having to spend it all on you and work harder than ever because they have to pay for your folly in marrying before you were able to support a family?

No, children take my advice and don't rush into a hasty marriage nor into a long engagement. Just be friends until you are old enough to know your own minds, and until you have got enough start in the world not to make your marrying a tragedy to your parents. DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—Is there any cure for a liar? Or for one who finds it easier and pleasanter to believe a lie than to face the truth? I am still a young girl, though I have been married for six years to a liar. Have let him three times and have only just returned to try a fresh start again, but after only four months that he has been lying to me just the same. Once again I find myself hating him for it and planning to leave and go back to business. Do you think I am right or wrong? MARY.

Answer—I do not believe that a liar ever ceases to lie or becomes trustworthy. The truth simply isn't in such a one, and he or she cannot become dependable and straightforward.

If you have tried on three different occasions to get along with your husband and every time he has deceived you, I think you are foolish to waste any more time on him. It will always be the same old story of fair promises that are never kept, of reformation that never reforms, of quarrels and reconciliations that keep you forever upset and miserable. Better just give the liar up unless you love him well enough to forgive his duplicity and not let it make any difference to you. DOROTHY DIX.

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## Uncle Ray's Corner

## Facts About Finland

Years ago, before aviation became so popular, Paavo Nurmi was nicknamed "the Flying Finn." He did not use an airplane, but he used his legs; and his fame spread far and wide.

In short distance runs, Nurmi was not so good as the Canadian athlete, Coe, or the American, Paddock; but in long runs he set records which

others could not equal. He ran a mile in 4 minutes 10-5 seconds back in 1923, and the next year he ran five miles in 24 minutes 6-1-4 seconds. Nurmi still is a great runner, but other Finns are pressing him for honors in long-distance running.

Nurmi's home, in the north of Europe, is the republic of Finland, a land larger than Great Britain, but smaller than France. In 1920 it paid a visit to its capital city, Helsinki.

Finland is on the border of Russia, but its people are not related to the Russians. Neither are they related to the Swedes, who live just across the Baltic Sea. They are round-headed folk, rather tall and strong. Long ago their ancestors lived in Asia.

More than half of all the land in Finland is forest. Pine and spruce

trees are the most common, but there are also birch, alder, ash and oak trees. Apple trees planted in Finland, have borne fruit in the southern part, but not in the northern part.

In the Finnish forest live bears, wolves, foxes and elks. Swans, geese, ducks and moorcocks are among the birds which fly about.

Summer days are long in Finland. In the north the sun drops out of sight for only an hour or two each night during June.

In winter the story is the other way around. Daylight passes quickly, and the night is long.

A popular pastime in Finland is the game of "kykka." In this game one player sits on the back of another. The rider throws a stick at wooden pins. Old and young play this game.

## Uncle Ray

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## NEW CEMENT PRODUCT

Montreal, Feb. 9.—"Kallcrete," a new product, has been developed by the Canada Cement Company Limited, during the past year, and will be introduced into Western Canada where alkali soils in the soil have a detrimental effect on Portland cement. J. D. Johnson, president, told the annual meeting of shareholders here.

Mr. And Mrs.



Mutt And Jeff



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